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SENT DEPARTMENT 4116, REPEATED INFORMATION BONN 252, MUNICH
11, PARIS 561.

Strongly support suggestion reported Bonn's 2940 March 23 to
Department.

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With situation described Munich's 194 March 22 to Department,
with opinion here -- both official and public, friendly as well
as unfriendly -- apprehensive of US actions which could be
made look like either provocation or arrogation of authority to
hold investigations (or "inquisitions") abroad, or both, and
with public discussion of use of US retaliatory air power very
active: It is more than probable that holding of public
hearings on this side of Atlantic would provide unfriendly
elements opportunity thoroughly to confuse issues, to detriment
of US interests. These repercussions would not be encountered
if witnesses were invited to US.

ALDRICH

Gen Counsel

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State Dept. review completed